FROM BURNSIDE'S ARMY.

The Main Part Across the River.

All of the Enemy's First Line of Guns Opened.

Their Fire Directed Upon Our Troops in the City.

THEY DO NO DAMAGE TO OUR FORCES.

They Cause Much Destruction to the City.

SKIRMISHING AT OTHER POINTS.

The Rebels in Force on the South Side of the Massaponax.

AN ARTILLERY DUEL ACROSS THE CREEK.

THE REBEL BATTERIES SILENCED

Our Troops Greatly Incensed at the Treachery of the Rebels.

THEY INDULGE IN EXCESSES IN THE CITY.

DETAILS OF THE FIRST DAY'S OPERATIONS.

Eow the Crossing Was Accomplished.

GREAT GALLANTRY OF OUR TROOPS

& Raid on Damfries by Hampton's Cavalry.

THEY ARE ATTACKED BY GENERAL STEINWEHR.

THE RESULT OF THE ENGAGEMENT UNKNOWN

A Supposition that the Rebels will Not Make a Determined Stand.

At 10 o'clock this morning the fog began to clear

sway, but before 11 the air was again thick, which with Burnside's army: continued until 2, when it entirely disappeared.

At 21 o'clock the Rebels opened with all their guns posted on the first ridge of bills.

Their main fire was directed upon the city, which was filled with our troops. Those guns which were posted on the left of the ridge were opened on the large body of troops which crossed on the two lower bridges, and had formed in line of battle, and were moving obliquely down the river fronting the ploded over our troops, none were injured.

ascertain the enemy's position.

The troops which crossed below are sleeping on their arms to-night, the advance being within threequarters of a mile of Massaponax Creek, their left resting on the Rappahannock.

The gans posted on the bank this side of the river hour. This ended the firing for the day.

The only damage done by the Rebel shells thrown where the right pontoon was to be laid. cuto the city, was to add so much to its destruction. Gen. Sumner's grand division was drawn up in

to be directed on the most prominent edifices.

securred by our troops when they entered -- property | wounded 15 and took 50 prisoners. A drummer-boy which could be of no use to the enemy. In many of the 7th Michigan, 10 years old, was in the first is thought to have reappeared in our front on Thursbouses the furniture all remained, showing that the boat that crossed. The 87th Pennsylvania, with-

Second, and tore it from the residence of the British the 7th Michigan in the city.

recover it, and the same was returned to him.

the remainder belog in position to cross at any other side. All will cross to-morrow.

There is no indication of the enemy evacuating. Gen. Franklin's grand division did not cross yes

that our forces suffered a repulse.

The wires have since been restored, and news One of Gen. Franklin's bridges was built by the

New-York



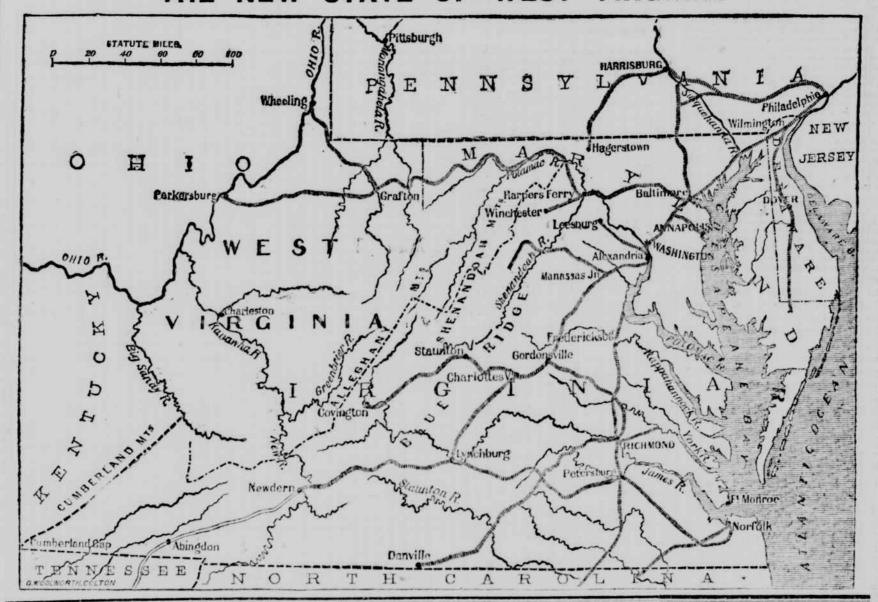
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THE NEW STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.



WASHINGTON, D. C., Friday, Dec. 12-4.15 p. m. The following accounts of yesterday's fighting have been received from your special correspondents

SUMMERS MOVEMENT.

At 41 o'clock this morning the boats were floated out into the river. Capt. Brainard, who had command of the bridge on the right, succeeded in com-Massaponax. Although several of their shells ex- best men were wounded at the first fire, himself, severely, among the number. In the second round, Gen. Bayard's cavalry, which crossed on the low- Capt. Perkins, of the same regiment, the 50th Newabandoned the bridge.

The fire from our batteries opened at once, and At 12 o'clock the fog lifted. Fifteen dwelling

The Rebels remained quiet in their intrenchments, having fired no shot since the first signal gun. Our silenced the enemy's artillery after a duel of half an batteries rested from 12 to 3, and then reopened, all

Twenty-five of our men were killed last night in battle line, waiting to cross. Gen. Howard had the streets of the city, while driving the Rebels out. the division, formerly Sedgwick's, in advance—the Nearly every house in the city has been damaged post of honor and danger-Gen. Banks's old brigade, more or less by the firing of the past two days. under Col. Hall, in front. The 19th and 20th Mas-Several splendid residences have been completely sachutts and the 7th Michigan marched to the brink siddled as also all the churches. The fire appeared of the river to support the engineer corps. The 7th Michigan crossed in boats, under a heavy fire, ef-Several cases of wanton destruction of property fected a landing, drove out the riflemen, killed and out orders and in the face of a severe fire, laid Some of our troops mistook the British flag for a the bridge near the railroad, crossed it, and joined

Consul. This morning the owner came over to | The firing ceased at sunset, Gen. Howard's of Sumner's division, and Gen. Newton's of Franklin's The main body of the army is now over the river, division, being the only forces that crossed to the

PRANKLIN'S MOVEMENT.

If they remain, a battle must immediately ensue. terday, but remained on this side of the river last Epsclai Dispatches to The N. Y. Tribuna.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 12-10:55 p. m. night. The bridges were completed in the early This morning Hampton's Rebel cavalry captured afternoon, and the order to move was issued about Dumfries, a town situated about half way from here sunset. The movement was in two columns. The to Fredericksburg. They cut the telegraph wires, first regiment over was the 2d Rhode Island, which carried off the operators, and paroled a number of started across at the double-quick, and deployed as officers who happened to be in the place, for what skirmishers rapidly on the hill, which rises from the Purpose is not known. Later in the day, Gen. further bank. Volleys of musketry greeted them, Steinwehr, in command of Gen. Sigel's advance, at- but the Rebel riflemen fell back before our advance, tacked the Rebels and a fight ensued, the precise ex- which formed in line of battle on the crest of the tent and results of whichare are yet unknown, hill, a sight which called forth the cheers of their In consequence of this occurrence, there was no comrades, who were still on the hither side or crosstelegraphic communication with General Burning. Immediately afterward the order to retreat aide during the day, hence the current rumors was given, and all the troops encamped for the night on the right bank of the river.

is received that the main part of Burnside's forces 15th New-York (McLeod Murphy's Regiment), and the other by the United States Engineers. The A double line of earthworks on the high ground work, which began before dawn, was exciting. beyond the city confronts the Union army. The Most of it was done under the stimulus of volleys Rebels have developed no forces behind there, and of musketry from the Rebel bank. Occasionally the It is the opinion of many Generals at Fredericksburg firing was so hot that the builders dropped into their that the main body of the enemy have retired, and boats for shelter, until the enemy were driven back that no determined stand will be made near the by discharges of shrapnel from our batteries on the right and left of the bridges. No large bodies of nearly three miles below the city, is nearly over.

Rebels appeared during the day; only enough to draw the fire of our batteries. Not a Rebel cannot

wounded during the construction of the two bridges 15th New-York Engineers, ankle; Michael Fox, 15th New-York Engineers, ankle; Corporal John Farrell, 15th New-York Engineers, arm; Amile Devouch, 15th New-York Engineers, thigh; John File, 15th New-York Engineers, arm; - Dutcher,

FRIDAY, Dec. 12-4:30 p. m. The original plan included, beside the infantry crossing at five points, a diversion by all the cavalry to the enemy's rear. The latter was not carried out er bridge, had five men killed while endeavoring to York, fell dead, and Capt. McDonald was severely at all, and the former not at daybreak, owing to the wounded. The rest of the corps then fell back and inability of the engineers to complete the bridges within the time specified. The bombardment was continued without cessation from 51 o'clock till 12. Some of the batteries used 200 rounds. No firing dark. The three brigades of Gen. Howard's division changed in nearly all its features. The river is to caused to settle upon the army. To-day, fair weather which crossed were so distributed in the lower part of the city as to protect the bridges entirely from the

> The Rebel batteries are so situated that they canfantry in the town was only one brigade.

Gen. Burnside had positive information of version of 20,000 Rebels to Fort Royal, expecting an attempt on our part to cross there. This column

A general engagement is not expected on Friday, as the entire day will be required for the passage of side of the river. the army over the bridges, which it is evident the enemy does not intend to dispute. Their artillery is expected to open on our infantry while passing over the hills in the rear, but our guns will easily silence enemy does not intend to dispute. Their artillery is theirs. Officers differ greatly in opinion as to the position and probable intention of the enemy.

During Thursday evening there was considerable the city. Everything is now quiet.

view, but now it is partially passing away.

Msj.-Gen. Sumner's Grand Division leading the way over in front of the city, to be followed by Maj.-Gen. Hooker's Grand Division. Gen. Franklin's Grand Division, which crosse

engagement lasting about half an hour, the Rebels on the right bank of the river. not making a very spirited reply.

It is thought the troops will all be over by noon. the Rebels have two strong lines of batteries in the rear of the city; the first one being one mile back, bridges will be connected to-night by telegraph with and the second a mile from the first.

The whole army is in rapid motion, and well entrated. The troops are in excellent spirits and anxious to be led upon the enemy's works. The enemy have concentrated their forces, and it

believed will give battle! Much will depend upon the result of to-day All feel sanguine of success :

The Order to Cross the Biver-A Change in the Programme Bendered Necessary The Arrangements for Crossing.

The order has been issued to cross the river. If lifts-the attempt will be made to-night. It was broken. A clear sky, bright sun, and greatly mod- to reach the other side, designed last week to cross 15 miles below Freder- erated temperature, gladdened the hearts of all yesicksburg; but the enemy discovered it in some way, terday, and made hope and confidence take once and moved a large body of troops to the exact posibe crossed in front of Fredericksburg, and in the also prevails, and the natives, with wise and grave be crossed in front of Fredericksburg, and in the teeth of nearly all the batteries erected to prevent it. The posteon bridge has been divided into five sections, under the command of the following officers:

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the hills in the rear, but our guns will easily silence mediately back of them, and the infantry are lying on their arms in the woods about two miles from the

Three o'clock to-morrow morning is the time set for the commencement of the movement. The heavy kirmishing in the streets of Fredericksburg between fog prevailing all day has favored the massing of the our infantry and Rebel infantry in the upper part of troops, and it is thought the enemy is entirely igno-

The Loss Sustained in Crossing the River tion of the following officer: Capt. Brainard, Capt. Since Army Expected Over the River by Lieut. Cross of the regular army. The Engineer the signal station near us have also been obstructed by the mist already referred to since yesterday Noon on Friday-The Rebels have Two Corps is composed of the 50th New-York, Col.

the streets, while secreted in and behind houses. left will probably swing around to the railroad, and Nothing could be certainly more welcome to try to get between Fredericksburg and Guinney's Generals than the transfer of any portion of caught.

The right will move direct for the Gor-Rebel army to this side of the river. The more This morning a dense fog hid everything from the two directly through Fredericksburg, the troops commenced moving at an early hour, The troops commenced moving at an early hour, Taj. Gen. Sumner's Grand Division leading the mond. An order has been issued by Gen. Ingalls

At a quarter past nine the first gun was fired, the of protective works as soon as a foothold is gained The Medical Department is fully prepared for the

Information received during the night and this lance corps of the different grand divisions will take orning, from deserters and prisoners, shows that position this evening in close vicinity to the river. The points selected for the laying of the pontoon

> Gen. Burnside's headquarters. A general stir and activity, indicating the porter tous events about being enacted, is observant throughout the army.

Weather Moderating-Renewed Indications of Early Action-Arrival of Re-enforcements-Doings of the Rebels-Their Supposed Intentions Feeling of the Army-Building Efforts-Influence of a New Commander upon an Old Corps.

HEADQUARTERS RIGHT GRAND DIVISION, } At last the elements seem to have ceased frowning upon the Union arms in these parts. The force of the state of the atmosphere is favorable-if the fog the cold spell of the last few days already appears more the place of the gloom and despondency the

The late frost changed the mnd and mire of the covers the Frederick burg front.

The heaviest column of infantry will pass over the bridge on the extreme right at Falmouth, the bridge on the extreme right at Falmouth, the strike blews before the elements will again place options. Orders were issued last night by Gen. akely, with five times the number Gen. Log Burnside that leave no doubt as to his intention to has in his command, we may be able to strike blews before the elements will again place options. They strive in artillery and ammunition trains on the two below it, and the cavalry on the extreme left. The first range of hills and intrenchments are to be carried by assault under the protection of siege guns on this side of the river.

The entire army has to-day been massed on the ines reach their destination, the telegraph will have brought you much more startling news than they control of the entire army has to-day been massed on the list difficulty.

With the prospect of speedy activity comes better

assurance of success, in the form of the arrival of large reinforcements from the North. Their number all over the North who will never allow us to be anxions for the fate of this army may rest satisfied that they are sufficient to enable Gen. Burnside to make certain movements on the flanks of the enemy, by which alone the risks of a crossing of the river the trial of the satisfied in the fact of the satisfied in th

Noon on Friday—The Rebels have Two
Lines of Batteries a Mile Apart—Our
Whole Army in Rapid Movement Forward, and Anxious to be Led Against
the Enemy's Works.

To the Associated Fress,
Hearquarpers of the Army of the front of the city last
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The Corps is composed of the 50th New-York, Col. Murphy, and
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several companies from the regular service, the
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the vast encampments of this army will be very as to draw the inference that the soldiers labor unde the conviction of having settled down in these part for the Winter. The thousands of axes that are cut ting building material in every direction—the tens of thousands of hands that are busy in putting up our cities of log structures of every eize and style—seem to denote preparation of permanent quarters for the cold season. But the truth is, that there is not be any means a general belief in the close of offensive operations until Spring among either the officers on men. By getting themselves housed, they merely mean to make themselves comfortable for the time being. Having hardly anything to do, they cam well afford to devote their time to efforts for their greater comfort. Nor were their labors wasted. Had it not been for them, hundreds would have succumbed to the severe cold of Sunday and Monday's As I heard a private say yesterday to another, just arrived from Washington, who deprecated the proposition of building a log hut on account of the improbability of a much longer stay in these parts; "If you had been here Monday, you would think it would pay to build one even for a day's use." There is but one opinion expressed among the officers and men of the Flith Army Corps in regard to their new commander, Gen. Butterfield, and that is one of general satisfaction and admiration. A remarkable improvement in the efficiency of the corps has already taken place under his asspices. If there is any one in the corps regretting the loss of Gene Fitz John Porter, I have failed either to see or heas of him.

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The army has now been so long confined to the unsatisfactory uniformity of the regular rational that there is a perfect yearning for the advent of sutler's supplies. Every day we hear of such being on the way from Washington, but as yet none have arrived. There is a harvest of Treasury notes awaitsing whoever will first be on the ground.

There is still great scarcity of forage throughout the army, especially bay, and animals are suffering greatly for the want of it.

Position of Our Gunbouts-Three Rebel Brigades on the Watch at Port Royal-Sociability of the Pickets-The Anxiety in Richmond-Inquiries about Rebe Sympathizers at the North-The Reading ness of Our Army to Advance.

PORT CONWAY, 25 miles below Fredericksburg, 1

The Rebels in this vicinity are greatly puzzled to know where we intend to cross the river, or rather where the attempt will be made; to cross it they consider an impossibility. The gunboats have failer below the village, and are now lying quiet under shelter from musketry of an impenetrable swamp two or three miles wide and extending to a range of hills which run along almost the entire south side of the Rappahannock. One brigade of Rebel cavalry and two brigades of infantry are stretched from Port Royal to a point opposite the mansion of Col. Taylor. This force arrived here but two or three days since, and it is supposed was sent to watch the point in case of an attempt on our p - to cross the river. Exactly where Gen. Burnside will cross, if he crosses at all below Fredericksburg, I do not believe they have yet discovered. Having passed along the entire line, from Barnet's, full twenty miles above vast efforts about being required of it. The ambu- Fredericksburg, to Tobago Bay, thirty miles below it, several times, I cannot see how, under present circumstances, we can throw a beave

column over the river without a very severe engagement. The Rebel pickets stand opposite out own for a distance of fifty miles, and almost daily exchange newspapers and the gossip of the day. The most peremptory orders from beadquarters whold no conversation with little avail. Soldiers standing alo emy, will yield to the natural propensity, and soc violate the most stringent orders. From a simp to the Rebels leak out, what General they are, are of our treeps, under what General they are, are when they are likely to move, &c. The specul tions, it is true, of a private soldier, are, generall of but little value, but occasionally I have four packets who seemed to know as much about the army as those whose special duty it is to keep the fully informed. From this source, if from the Bahala will learn of our atternance. to the Rebels leak out, with regard to the position of our troops, under what General they are, and

A widow lady, at whose mansion I stayed has night, told me that a few days before the arrival of

North to aid them in their helish purposes, one of them to me yesterday, we have General your army, statesmen in your Control of the control ing influence in his county, and is still the principal Everything again indicates a forward movement.

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The requisitions have all been filled, and not a corse, spike, bolt, cord or anchor is wanting. With 6,000 men for an Engineer corps, and 50,000 men, and 100 pieces of artiflery to protect them, it would

Forrest Triplet and Wood, with 3,000 to 4,000